

**REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application. Claims 7-13 are pending in the application.

**Allowed Claims**

Claims 7-13 are allowed. Applicant thanks the Examiner for this indication of allowance. These claims remain unchanged and pending in the application.

**Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102**

Claims 1-6 and 14-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,402,187 to Ezaki in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,594,825 to Goldschmidt Iki et al.


Claims 1-6 and 14-27 are canceled to expedite allowance of this application. These claims will be pursued in a continuation application.

**Conclusion**

Claims 7-13 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests prompt allowance of the subject application. If any issue remains unresolved that would prevent allowance of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney to resolve the issue.

Respectfully Submitted,

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